

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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**10th November 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Congratulations** to the following children who have recently achieved their reading awards:

Alex H – <b>Gold</b>	Alice B – <b>Bronze</b>	Maddison C – <b>Bronze</b>	Abigail T – <b>Bronze</b>
Madeleine R – <b>Bronze</b>	Toby H – <b>Mrs Ireland's Award</b>	George B – <b>Bronze</b>	
Kayla B – <b>Topaz</b>	Chloe B – <b>Ruby</b>	Fin M – <b>Ruby</b>	Eden S – <b>Topaz Extra Challenge</b>

**Well done.**

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.05pm.  
Families are welcome to join us.*

### Marsh Farm Visit



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Class Jay and Class Hummingbird went on a trip to Marsh Farm. We went on a coach and were all very excited! When we arrived we met Freddie who was our ranger for the morning. First we went to the petting area and met a ferret called Bertie and a rabbit who didn't have a name. We were allowed to stroke both of them. We then walked through the aviary to see the birds before going to see Rosie the pig, we were able to feed her pumpkins! After that we went to see the llamas before going on a tractor ride! When we finished lunch we split into groups and explored the rest of the farm.

"I liked the sheep" - Ruby

"I enjoyed seeing the Horses." - Elena

"I liked feeding the pigs" - Freddie

"The tractor ride was bumpy and fun!" - Oscar

We had a great day and have already been asking about our next trip!

**By Class Jay**

## Class Dove's Visit to Maldon

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, Class Dove went on a coach to All Saints Church, Maldon. Before we left the school with our rucksacks some helpers came in. They were Mr Harpley, Mrs Sandle, Mrs Gill and my mum. We went through Class Eider and Flamingo to get outside to the coach up the hill.

We got out at the high street and walked to the church. Miss Chinery put us in groups. I was with Lucy, Liza, Quinn and Christopher. We went and saw a Battle of Maldon embroidery. We then sketched a grave outside and walked up to Promenade Park.

We then walked to the very end to see Brithnoth and sketched good drawings of him. We then did some more sketching down by the harbour. We walked to a courtyard and had our lunch.

Then we walked to Brithnoth, went further on, and stopped at a nature reserve. We finally came to a muddy path. We went across the causeway and back, and then had a fight like the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings did there.



We were dragged back to the coach by the adults and got on the coach. It was really fun but tiring.

By Freya E

## Class Cuckoo Assembly



Well done to the children in Class Cuckoo who presented an excellent assembly last Friday. They shared with us their learning about the Romans and particularly the story of Boudicca with passion and enthusiasm. They included drama, singing and writing as well as also talking about their science investigations.

The quality of the work they are producing clearly demonstrates the depth of their learning.

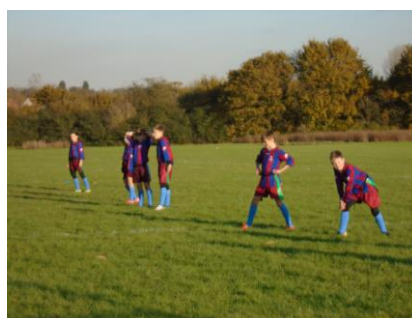
## Tag Rugby Tournament



On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017, a selected team of 10 (including girls and boys) took part in a Tag-Rugby tournament at Writtle College. The team was: Angus, Woody, Alex, Seb, Luke, Jo-Jo, Alice (who was chosen to be Captain), Maite, Alysia and Danielle.

To start off with, the whole team did a variety of technical warm up and stretches. Not long after, all the schools (which was a total of 15), lined up to hear the rules and the pledge.

Finally, it was time to get down to business with the matches. During the tag rugby tournament we went against three teams in the first match. In the first round of match we came first in all the matches but in the second and final round we did very well but sadly didn't win. We played six games overall and each team was difficult. We all had fun in all these matches. Sadly we did not win the game but we all gave happy faces all the way.



All the matches were really hard but the hardest was against Moulsham. This was a tough challenge trying to defeat Moulsham. Sadly we lost. We all had an equal amount of playing and all had at least one go off pitch. We then had to play Terling to decide second or third place. We knew this was our final match but unfortunately we lost. After our last match we still waited to watch the final match to find out who had won overall. It was getting colder by the minute.

We had come 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Finally we left relived but at the same time extremely tired.

**Alice, Maité, Alysia**

Well done to our team. They played extremely well with lots of fast running and passing. We did come 3<sup>rd</sup> out of a large group of 15 talented primary schools!

Thank you to all the parents who helped transport the children and for supporting us at the event.



## Pudsey Bear's Spotacular!

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** is Children in Need and we are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing something spotty if possible in return for a donation to the charity. We will also be making pictures of Pudsey with coins so please send in on the day any silver change that you may have including old style £1 coins that you may have found lurking the depths of drawers and we will put them to good use!

## Safeguarding Keeping Safe

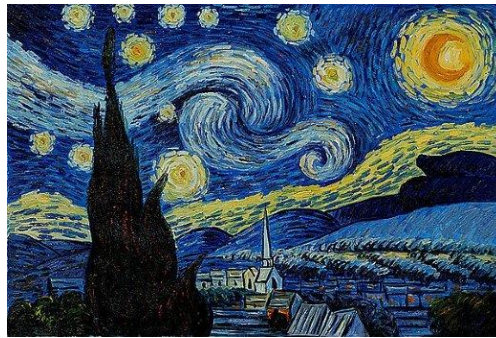
As it is now getting dark earlier in the evenings, please remind the older the children about coming straight home after school or letting you know where they are and keeping in touch.

Please also remind them about taking extra care when crossing the roads as when they are wearing darker clothing, they can be difficult for motorists to see.

**Let's work together to keep our children safe!**

## Class Question Time

This week our class question times have resumed with the children exploring *Starry Night* by Vincent van Gogh.



We start our session by asking the children what they can see, then ask them to think about how the painting makes them feel before them asking the children what questions the painting might pose to them. The session are very much child led so that they can explore themes in a deeper way and at their own level.

Last half-term I walked in on a thought provoking discussion in Class Avocet about the nature of beauty. The children themselves had posed the questions and were exploring whether they thought beauty was an aesthetic quality, if it was transient and if it meant the same to everyone. They were certainly challenging each other's thinking and provoking reconsideration of ideas.

## School Bungalow

As you may have seen the builders have been working in the school bungalow. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by them but would ask that the entrance to the staff car park and bungalow is kept free at all times. This will enable pedestrians to access the school safely as they will have a clearer view of moving vehicles. It is also important that the children are not allowed to wander into the area and are kept under close supervision at the beginning and end of the school day.

More updates on the project to follow shortly!

## Eagles

The children at Eagles have been making firework pictures and sparklers from silver foil following bonfire night. The children have all been sharing their stories about the fireworks they saw over the weekend. The children enjoyed making chocolate krispie cakes, and discussed with each other things that melt after the chocolate was melted for the cakes.

If you would like more information about Eagles please contact Laura Evans via [enquiries@littleowlsdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@littleowlsdaynursery.co.uk)

## Notices and Reminders

**Parent Governor Elections – Closing date Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm.** All nominations must be received by the school office by this deadline

**PE Kits** – It is essential that the children participate in their PE lessons and therefore have their full kits in school at all times as we do not hold large stocks of spare uniform.

**Earrings have to be removed for all PE lessons and we are not allowed to cover pupils' ears with tape.**

**Even in the winter the children still go outside for their games lessons so need to have jogging bottoms and a spare sweatshirt to wear. We are currently working with the One Stop Shop to source a school tracksuit which the children will be able to wear. More news to come soon!**

**Coats** – We are now beginning to feel the chill of the encroaching winter, so it is vital that all children bring a coat into school every day. The children need fresh air, so even if it is drizzling or cold, they need to get outside at break and lunchtimes but can only do so if they have a warm, waterproof coat.

**Letters sent home this week:**



# DPSA news

## Countdown to The Christmas Fayre - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2-4pm

Once again each class will be running a stall as part of an enterprise scheme so please make sure you come and support your child's class. There are prizes to be won!

**Grand Raffle** – tickets should have been sent out in book bags soon. We've got some great prizes so ask you to support us by buying and selling extra raffle tickets if you can! Please return complete ticket stubs and monies to the office ASAP (December 1<sup>st</sup> latest).

The Christmas Fayre is one of our biggest (and most fun) fundraisers but we can't do it without a little help!! **We are asking if you can kindly donate:**

### 1. Chocolate

– For our chocolate tombola



### 2. Adult tombola gifts

– bottles, smellies, treats, gifts



### 3. Filled jam jars –

– fill with sweets, small toys, pencils, loom bands (anything a child would like to win, use your imagination!)

### 4. Nearly new toys and children's books

We will have a toy stall again this year. Please ensure all toys are good quality and complete. We are only collecting children's books this year.



### 5. Class hamper gifts – each class is putting together a

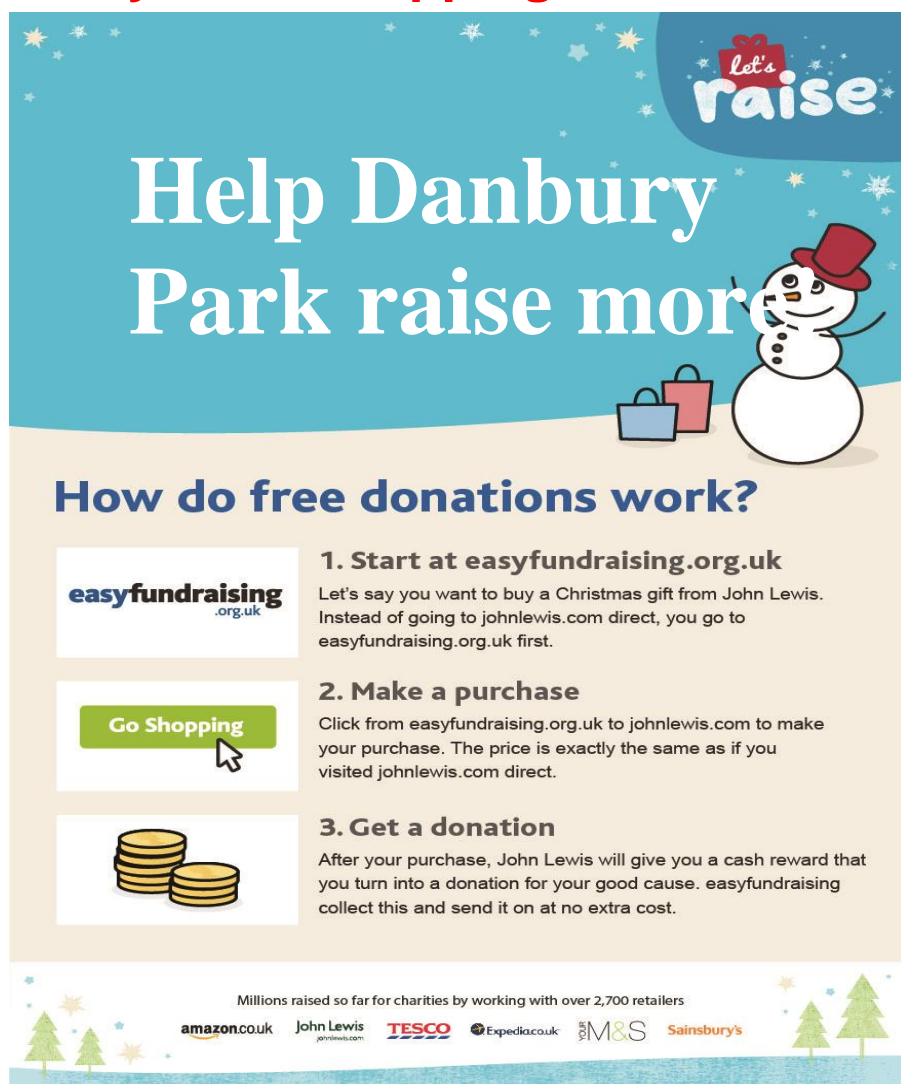
festive hamper for the popular hamper raffle. Class reps should have sent out lists of suggested items. Please take all hamper items to the classroom not office. Each class will have a collection bucket! Please let your reps know if you have a suitable box/hamper your class could use.

**Collection sheets** should have gone out in book bags. If your child donates anything simply get the office to sign your sheet. If you get 3 signature, colour in the sheet and hand it in. There will be a prize drawn for each class. If you donate before you get the sheet don't worry just ask for it to be signed.

**If everyone was able to donate a couple of items we'd have a bumper year. Please leave all donations by the office. Thank you for all those so far!**

**Your Christmas Fayre needs YOU!** – In order for the Fayre to be successful we need lots of kind Christmas helpers! We only ask that you help for an hour (2-3pm or 3-4pm so you still have plenty of time to enjoy the Fayre with your family. Please post on the DPSA Facebook page, email [lucymbennett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lucymbennett@yahoo.co.uk) or let your class rep know.

## Will you be shopping online this Christmas?



The poster features a blue sky background with white stars and a snowman wearing a red hat and scarf, holding a shopping bag. The text 'Help Danbury Park raise more' is prominently displayed in white. Below this, the 'How do free donations work?' section is divided into three numbered steps: 1. Start at easyfundraising.org.uk, 2. Make a purchase, and 3. Get a donation. Each step includes a brief explanation of the process. At the bottom, logos for partner retailers are shown, including Amazon.co.uk, John Lewis, Tesco, Expedia.co.uk, M&S, and Sainsbury's.

**Help Danbury Park raise more**

**How do free donations work?**

- 1. Start at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)**  
Let's say you want to buy a Christmas gift from John Lewis. Instead of going to [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com) direct, you go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first.
- 2. Make a purchase**  
Click from [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) to [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com) to make your purchase. The price is exactly the same as if you visited [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com) direct.
- 3. Get a donation**  
After your purchase, John Lewis will give you a cash reward that you turn into a donation for your good cause. [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) collect this and send it on at no extra cost.

Millions raised so far for charities by working with over 2,700 retailers

[amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk) [John Lewis](http://johnlewis.com) [TESCO](http://tesco.com) [Expedia.co.uk](http://expedia.co.uk) [M&S](http://m.co.uk) [Sainsbury's](http://sainsbury.com)

Buying insurance online gets us a huge donation of 30.00!  
**Take a look at the website you'll be surprised by how many companies are listed and just how easy it.**





## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Week 3</b> MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Salmon Puff (V)	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Pie or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Shortbread Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey served with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet served with Yorkshire pudding and Gravy (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Creamy Rice Pudding and Jam Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce (V)	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Sweet Corn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven baked Young's Omega 3 Fish Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

### Dates for the Diary

#### Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov**                      **Primary Maths Challenge for invited Year 6 pupils**

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**9.30 -11.30am**                      **Open Morning for Prospective Parents**  
**3.00pm**                                **School Council meeting**

**Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**9.15am**                                **Class J walk to the Country Park**  
**2.50 pm**                                **Class E Assembly**

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**6.00pm**                                **Governor Training**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**                        **Children In Need**

**Full term dates for the next academic year 2017-18  
and for 2018-19 are available on the school website.**

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher

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## Dates for Autumn Term 2017

Date	Time	Event
<b>November</b>		
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
15 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class E Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup>		Children in Need
21 <sup>st</sup>		Flu Immunisation
	1.45 – 2.45pm	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.05pm	Celebration Assembly
<b>December</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
8 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
12 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
14 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
18 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Classes C, D & E Party
19 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
	Pm	EYFS & KS1 Party
20 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term
	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Classes A & B party